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AND RETREAT FROM THE OPTICAL PATH
TO ELIMINATE DELETERIOUS LIGHT
RESULTING FROM MOVEMENT OF THE
LENS

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